



22 PERCENT THINK MYLES GARRETT SUSPENSION SHOULD BE PERMANENT;

40 PERCENT SAY NFL GOT IT RIGHT WITH REST OF SEASON

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SHOULD ASTROS BE STRIPPED OF 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP?

BY 52%-35%, AMERICAN PUBLIC SAYS YES

South Orange NJ, November 22, 2019 -- It feels like punishment season in sports. And there is 22 percent support for the NFL decision to suspend Cleveland's Myles Garrett permanently (still an option for the Commissioner), and 40 percent support for the rest of the season as is currently imposed. 13 percent say the "rest of the season or not at all", with 7 percent saying more than this season, and 9 percent saying they did not know or had no opinion.

Younger respondents tended to be more lenient, with 13 percent of those 18-29 saying the suspension should be permanent, but 25 percent of those 60 and up agreeing.

Meanwhile, as the public awaits a decision on the electronic sign stealing by the Houston Astros in the 2017 season, a strong showing of 52 percent vs. 35 percent say that if guilty they should be stripped of their world championship, something that has never happened in Major League Baseball. 14 percent had no opinion or did not know.

These are the findings of a Seton Hall Sports Poll conducted this week of 712 adults on landlines and cellphones across the country. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percent.

51 percent said Garrett should not face additional criminal charges, with only 31 percent of the public saying he should.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell denied Garrett's appeal on Thursday.

As for the Astros, accused of monitoring catcher's signals with television surveillance, 69 percent felt other teams also engage in electronic sign stealing, with 13 percent saying no, and 18 percent with no opinion. There have been no such public accusations of any teams.

Only 15 percent felt electronic sign stealing was more serious than the use of performance enhancing drugs.

“These decisions are on the desks of the Commissioners ,” noted Rick Gentile, director of the Seton Hall Sports Poll, which is sponsored by the Sharkey Institute within the Stillman School of Business. “The Astros case is particularly challenging and the public feels an unprecedented punishment (for MLB) may be warranted.”

THE KAEPERNICK TRYOUT

The public was evenly divided on Colin Kaepernick’s NFL tryout last week, with 38 percent saying it was an attempt by the NFL for positive publicity and 37 percent saying it was done in good faith, with 25 percent saying they did not know or had no opinion. As for whether he deserved the special tryout, 57 percent said yes and 29 percent said no.

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About the poll:

This poll was conducted by telephone November 18-20 among adults in the United States. The Seton Hall Sports Poll is conducted by the Sharkey Institute within the Stillman School of Business. Phone numbers were dialed from samples of both standard landline and cell phones. The error for subgroups may be higher. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls. The Seton Hall Sports Poll has been conducted regularly since 2006. Recently chosen for inclusion in iPoll by Cornell's Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, its findings have been published everywhere from USA Today, ESPN, The New York Times, Washington Post, AP, and Reuters to Fox News and most points in between.

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The results:

1. Former NFL Quarterback Colin Kaepernick privately auditioned in front of a portion of NFL teams last Saturday. Do you think he deserved the opportunity to audition in front of any NFL teams?

1 - Yes	57
2 - No	29
3 - Don't know/No opinion	15

2. Kaepernick didn't attend the NFL sanctioned audition but decided to set up his own showcase because he felt the league wasn't acting in good faith. Do you think in setting up the original audition the NFL was acting in good faith or was it just an attempt by the league to gain some positive publicity?

1 - Good faith	37
2 - Attempt for positive publicity	38
3 - Don't know/No opinion	25

3. Myles Garrett of the Cleveland Browns was ejected from a game for tearing the helmet off the opposing quarterback and hitting him over the head with it. He was subsequently suspended by the NFL for at least the rest of the season.

Do you think he should have been suspended for the rest of the season, less than that or not at all, more than this season or suspended permanently from the NFL?

1 - Rest of season	40
2 - Less than rest of season or not at all	13
3 - More than this season	7
4 - Suspended permanently	22
5 - Don't know/No opinion	9

4. Do you think Garrett should face criminal charges for his actions during the game?

1 - Yes	31
2 - No	51
3 - Don't know/No opinion	18

5. The NFL has discussed basing a team in London, England. Would you be in favor of a team based in London or not?

1 - Yes	48
2 - No	36
3 - Don't know/No opinion	16

6. The NFL has also discussed increasing the regular season from 16 games to 17 games. Do you think the regular season should stay at 16 games or increase to 17?

1 - Sixteen	49
2 - Seventeen	32
3 - Don't know/No opinion	19

7. The Houston Astros have been accused of electronically stealing opposing catchers' signs to the pitcher by using a centerfield camera relaying signals to a monitor near the dugout. Do you think other major league teams also engage in electronically stealing signs?

1 - Yes	69
2 - No	13
3 - Don't know/No opinion	18

8. Since the cheating allegedly took place during the Astros championship season of 2017, if found guilty should the Astros be stripped of their World Series championship?

1 - Yes	52
2 - No	35
3 - Don't know/No opinion	14

9. Do you think electronic sign stealing is a more serious transgression than using performance enhancing drugs?

1 - Yes	15
2 - No	58
3 - Same	21
4 - Don't know/No opinion	6